

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Lt. Michael Scott Lamana.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Navy Lieutenant Michael Scott Lemana upon the approach of the fourth anniversary of his death.

WHEREAS, it was with the deepest regret and the most profound sense of sorrow that the Senate has learned that one of its native sons, Lieutenant Michael Scott Lamana, had tragically died in the terrorists attacks against the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana was a native of Baton Rouge, graduating from Catholic High School in 1988 and Louisiana State University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science before beginning his military career with a commission as an Ensign in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana began the extremely rigorous training required of all naval aviators, successfully completing all his mandatory flight training in Pensacola, San Antonio, and Jacksonville, before he was assigned as a navigator, communicator, tactical coordinator, and mission commander with Patrol Squadron NINE in Barber's Point, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana's attention to detail, personal and military discipline, and his total dedication to the successful completion of his mission led to his timely

1 promotions as he rose through the ranks of the naval services and to his award of decorations
2 such as the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the National
3 Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal,
4 as well other unit awards; and

5 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana began an exciting and prestigious new assignment
6 in early 1999 as a briefer for the chief of naval operations at the Pentagon, monitoring the
7 operations of the Navy's global fleet and also performing the duties of a knowledge
8 management officer and an assistant project manager; and

9 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana was 31 years old and busily working in his
10 Pentagon office on Tuesday morning at 9:43 A.M. on September 11, 2001, when American
11 Airlines flight 77 crashed into the famous structure which symbolizes American military
12 might; and

13 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana and 124 other Americans tragically died in the
14 sneak attack on the Pentagon, their incredible sacrifice helped to galvanize a diverse nation
15 into a large, single community with one mind, filled with a steely resolve to dig out of the
16 debris, summon the strength to struggle on, determine the depth and enormity of the loss,
17 and awaken the slumbering courage needed to battle the evil and cowardly forces
18 responsible for such a heinous act; and

19 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Lamana will forever serve as a bright beacon of freedom in
20 a dark and dangerous world and a reminder that the freedoms Americans enjoy are never
21 free and are only maintained by the bravery and vigilance of heros such as Lieutenant
22 Lamana.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
25 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Navy Lieutenant Michael Scott
26 Lamana for their enormous and painful sacrifice.

27 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be
28 transmitted to the family of Lieutenant Michael Scott Lamana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences to the family of U.S. Navy Lieutenant Michael Scott Lamana.